

END OF SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS FAQ

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What are SNAP emergency allotments?

SNAP emergency allotments were a temporary strategy authorized by Congress to help low-income individuals and families deal with the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized emergency allotments to help meet food needs.

Why are SNAP emergency allotments ending?

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 law recently passed by Congress ends emergency allotments after its issuance in February 2023. Therefore, the last benefit month that includes emergency allotment is February 2023.

How will this impact my SNAP benefits?

A final emergency allotment will be issued on February 17, 2023. This means by March 2023, all SNAP households' benefits will return to normal amounts, without the added supplement.

Additionally, for households that also receive Social Security benefits, their SNAP benefits may decrease because of the high increase in their Social Security benefits that took effect in January 2023.

Will I still get SNAP benefits after the emergency allotments end?

Yes. You will continue to receive your regular SNAP benefits after the emergency allotment ends in February 2023. Starting in March 2023, you will continue to get your regular SNAP benefits as long as you remain eligible. Your regular benefit amounts were based on your circumstances, including your household size, income, and deductions.

Can I request for a fair hearing on the reduction of my SNAP benefit due to loss of emergency allotment benefits?

No. The issuance of emergency allotment is authorized by law and its ending was likewise authorized by law. Therefore, the absence of emergency allotment is not considered a reduction to your regular SNAP benefit amount. As this is a required change authorized by law, there are no hearing rights related to the loss of emergency allotment benefits.